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Joash: a real crowd pleaser

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JOASH: A CROWD PLEASER
Lesson for July 31, 1983
Bible Study Passages: II Chronicles 24:1-7, 17-22

The power of influence can move silently or as a clap of thunder! Influence can work for good or for evil. We are affected daily by silent and subtle influences such as advertising. The media can hype certain products, with catchy jingles and slick slogans until after awhile we are mesmerized by their influence. And that's how consumers are born!

People with power are often able to swing the pendulum their way through certain subtle and overt pressures. Because of their influence they can move individuals or masses of people. Some in political office vote against their conscience because of influential pressure they feel from special interest groups.

Religion is no stranger to the use and misuse of influence. Some radio and TV "religious stars" use subtle means to sell a product or to raise certain funds. It's strange how some people will support a cause they have no part in except to forward their dollars in the mail.

Certain individuals who hold prestigious positions in a community may use their influence to serve themselves. Many people look upon the well-known as barometers, that is, they look to see how the big name people choose before they choose. Children are very susceptible to the influence of other children. If someone decides to wear Calvin Klein jeans, then ten kids will follow right behind. This week's lesson looks at a king who allowed others to influence him to disobey God.

A KING AT SEVEN! (II Chronicles 24:1-7)

Joash was a king of Judah in a long line of Davidic descent. He was backed by a powerful priest by the name of Jehoiada. He exerted significant influence over Joash, even to the point of choosing two wives for him.

Joash was only seven years old when he ascended the throne of Jodah. He would obviously need the guidance of an adult leader. Fortunately, Jehoiada exercised a positive role as an advisor to the young king. This young king sought to restore the Temple which had been sadly neglected. Joash instructed the priests to collect money to make the Temple presentable for worship. The priests ignored the king's request. As a result two thieves broke in and stole many of the valuable furnishings.

A BAD INFLUENCE (II Chronicles 24:15-22)

For forty years Joash ruled as the king of Judah. Not all of those forty years were good ones. Joash took a turn for the worse following the death of Jehoiada the priest. Joash followed the example of some evil-bent princes who wanted to worship groves and idols. For reasons we do not understand, Joash gave ear to their influence and gave them free reign to overthrow the house of Yahweh.

Jehoiada's son became a priest and spoke out against the action of Joash and the princes. But the people would not listen to what he had to say. They silenced him by stoning him to death. And Joash never lifted a finger in his defense. In fact, Joash even supported the idea to have Zechariah killed.

This story has some important lessons in it for us. One lesson has to do with the power of influence. We parents have an awesome responsibility when it comes to guiding children. They watch our behavior and the priorities we set for life.

One day a small boy was following his father as they walked across a snow-covered rocky mountain. "Be careful daddy," said the little boy. "I'm walking in your footsteps."

That illustration is both challenging and frightening. As a father I am challenged to guide my children through the hazards of their early life. But it is frightening at times to think that my guidance may prove to place unnecessary hurdles before their path. All I can do, however, is to do my best as a parent and as a pastor. That is true for everyone. We are true to God, others, and self when we do the best we can with what we have.

Joash is similar to the story of Samson, that is, he had a good beginning but a bitter ending. Along the way Joash succumbed to the influence of those whose intentions were misdirected. In the end Joash was killed in his own bed. The path he chose to follow ended in tragedy. It could just as easily ended in joy!

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F. Lawson Pankey to speak at Liberty Baptist

F. Lawson Pankey, Director of the Division of Church Programs for Virginia Baptists in Richmond will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service at Liberty Baptist Church on Sunday, July 31, 1983.

Dr. Pankey, an Appomattox County native, grew up in Pamplin and graduated from Pamplin High School, the University of Richmond, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has received further graduate work at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education and a Doctor of Divinity from the University of Richmond.

He has been employed by the Virginia Baptist General Board since 1965 and in his present capacity since October 15, 1982. He came to the Board from the pastoratge of the Azalea Baptist Church of Norfolk.

He is married to the former Mary Rudasill and he and Mary have two sons and two daughters.

Galilee news

Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life.

We are very pleased that Jordan Baptist Church had a successful Homecoming and revival beginning this past Sunday. The Senior Choir of Galilee will be special guest singers on Thursday night.

The Hasadiah Baptist Association meets with the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church of Lynchburg. Galilee is a member of this Baptist group. The series of meetings will take place this coming Thursday and Friday.

One of the outstanding features of the Baptist Association is the Educational Department. Instruction is offered in every area of church operations. It is truly our duty to become enlightened as we should.

Final plans for Galilee's Homecoming and revival will be published in next week's column.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Flood, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Winkler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wikler, one of their twin sisters and several other friends were guests of the Martin and Stevens families Sunday. They attended revival services at the Levi Baptist Church of Meherrin, Va. all of the guests reside in Baltimore, Md.

We thank God for his many blessings. Let us continue in prayer one for another.

For our meditation this week, let us think in terms of **Faith.** Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible.

Mr. George Calloway of Baltimore, Md. departed this life on Sunday. We extend sympathy to the Calloway and Petty families.

Musical planned

The Patrick Henry Boy's Home choir from Brookneal, Va. will present a musical message, entitled "He's Alive" at Red Oak Baptist Church, Oakville, Sunday night, July 31, at 7 p.m.

There will be a homemade ice cream social following the service.

The public is cordially invited.

Revival at New Hope

Revival services will begin at New Hope Baptist Church, the Rev. Bob Williams, pastor, on August 7 and continue through August 12.

The Rev. Roger Williams will be guest minister for the services beginning at 7:30 each evening. Music will be under the direction of Choir Director, Barry Elder.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

'Choices' slated here

Choices, a youth musical, will be performed Sunday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox.

The Believers,an interdenominational group sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Chase City, Va., will perform the musical. The group has been in existance for eight years and is currently made up of 23 youths under the direction of Dan R. Harris, Music Director at First Baptist Church of Chase City, and Ron Thompson, Minister of Youth and Education at First Baptist Church of Chase City.

Choices is a presentation in music and drama of the decisions a Christian must face. The performance will feature songs such as "A Little More Sleep," "Don't You Worry," and "No One Can Serve Two Masters."

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Deaths

Shelton Hoyt Foster

Shelton Hoyt Foster, 82, of Phenix, died Wednesday morning, July 20, 1983, at his home.

Born in Campbell County Sept. 22, 1900, he was a son of the late Alexander (Sandy) Foster and Fannie Lee Bailey Foster. He was a member of Roanoke Presbyterian Church and a retired mail carrier and farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Milton Foster; five sons, Carlton Foster, Lynchburg, John Foster, Chilhowie, M. K. (Buck) Foster, Richmond, David Foster, Phenix, and Keith Foster, Orange City, Fla.; four daughters, Mrs. Esther F. Roach, Phenix, Mrs. Marion M. Huffman, Lanexa, Mrs. Doris M. Claybrook, Brookneal, and Mrs. Edith F. Pollard, Richmond; four brothers, Clayton Foster, Richmond, Harold Foster and Ronald Foster, both of Hampton, and Frank Foster, Phenix; four sisters, Mrs. Sadie F. Clark, Portsmouth, Mrs. Mildred F. Whitlow, Phenix, and Mrs. Rosa F. Turner and Mrs. Mamie F. Skinnell, both of Lynchburg; 23 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at Henderson Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Henry Copeland. Burial was in Roanoke Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Evelyn M. Weatherholtz

Evelyn M. Weatherholtz, 79, of Kenton, Ohio, died Saturday, July 23 at 12:40 in Green Acres Nursing Home in Kenton.

Born August 10, 1903 in Wyandot County, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Curtis Bennett and Alice Bowman Bennett. She was the widow of Harry T. Weatherholtz.

Surviving are four sons, Verco S. Weatherholtz, Waldbridge, Ohio; Harry C. Weatherholtz, Kenton, Ohio; Lawrence Weatherholtz of Kenton, Ohio; and Weslay W. Weatherholtz of Kenton, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. Doris Baldwin of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; 22 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 26 at the Bringham Funeral Home in Upper Sandusky, Ohio with burial in the Old Mission Cemetery, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Miss Mattie F. Wright

CONCORD - Miss Mattie F. Wright, of Route 2, died at 7:10 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, 1983, at Spout Spring Home for the Aged, following a long illness.

She was born in Charlotte County, a daughter of the late Thomas Henry Wright and Annie Johnson Wright. She was a member of Stonewall Presbyterian Church and a retired employee of Dun & Bradstreet in Lynchburg.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Joe Franklin, Lynchburg.

Graveside funeral services were conducted Friday at Stonewall Presbyterian Church cemetery by the Rev. Millard Stimpson.

Those wishing to make memorials may consider the Spout Spring Home for the Aged.

Homecoming slated

Homecoming and revival will be held at Maple Grove Baptist Church beginning this Sunday, July 31.

The morning worship service will be conducted at 11 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon. Revival services will be held from Sunday through Aug. 5 at 8 p.m. nightly.

The Rev. James H. Kinser, Superintendent of Missions for the East Tennessee Baptist Association of Newport, Tenn. will be guest speaker for the reivival.

Special music will be featured each evening.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Revival at Mt. Comfort

Revival services will be conducted at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church in Appomattox from July 31 through Aug. 5, at 8 p.m. each evening.

Guest speaker for the reival will be the Rev. F. J. Wingfield, Jr.

The church's pastor, the Rev. David B. Camden, and the congregation invite the public to attend these revival services.

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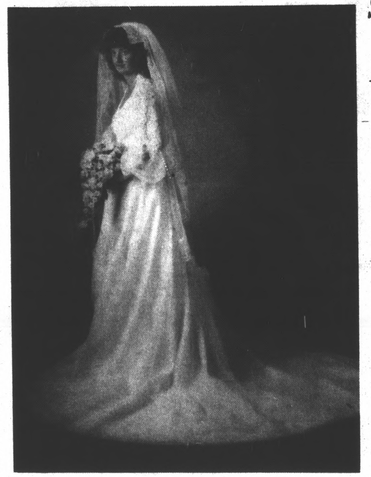

Mrs. Eddie Lynn Martin
Photo by Allen Austin

The marriage of Miss Teresa Darlene Franklin to Mr. Eddie Lynn Martin took place on Saturday, July 23, at two o'clock in the afternoon at Vera Church of God in Vera, Virginia. The Rev. J. W. Williams was officiating minister.

A program of music was presented by Mrs. Teresa Perrow and Mr. Daniel Stratton, pianist. Selections included "You Light Up My Life", and "The Wedding Prayer".

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beverley H. Franklin of Appomattox and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie R. Martin of Appomattox.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, wore a gown of silk organza over taffeta. The gown was designed with a Queen Anne neckline. Chantilly lace covered the bodice and formed a long peplum. Re-embroidered Chantilly lace and seed pearls edged the peplum, neckline, and bodice. The full, sheer bishop sleeve featured an inner fitted sleeve of Chantilly lace. The sleeve ended in a wide lace cuff. The full skirt, which fell into a Chapel train, had a wide row of Chantilly lace at the bottom which also formed a V-inset in the front skirt. Re-embroidered Chantilly scalloped lace edged both sides of the wide row. The matching waltz length veil of illusion fell from a covered Camelot cap. A row of scalloped re-embroidered Chantilly lace edged the illusion. She carried a bouquet of pink roses, miniature lavender carnations, baby's breath, pink lillies, and pink tweedia, and flowing greens accented with pink and lavender streamers.

Miss Donna Layne, friend of the bride, of Appomattox was maid of honor. She wore a long pink taffeta gown with a Queen Anne neckline and bishop sleeves, with Queen Anne lace and long flowing skirt. She carried a nosegay bouquet of roses, tweedia, baby's breath and lillies with pink and lavender streamers.

Bridesmaids were Miss Shelly Franklin of Appomattox, sister of the bride; Mrs. Tammy Millner, cousin of the bride; Mrs. Debbie Guthrie, sister of the groom; Mrs. Ramona Martin, sister-in-law of the groom. They wore pink and lavender gowns identical to the maid of honor and carried identical nosegay bouquets.

Mr. Bennie Martin of Appomattox, father of the bridegroom served as best man. The ushers were Mr. Jeff Martin, brother of the bridegroom; Mr. Keith Martin, brother of the bridegroom; Mr. Darryl Martin, brother of the bridegroom; and Mr. Roger Irvin, friend of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom, best man and the ushers wore black and white tuxedos with pleated shirts with wing tipped collars and accented with black bow ties. They wore silk carnation boutonnaires.

Master Chad Crane served as ring bearer, and Master Kevin H. Franklin, brother of the bride carried a white Bible. They wore black and white tuxedoes and silk carnations. The father of the bride wore a black and white tuxedo identical to the bridegroom. He also wore a silk carnation.

Miss Kim Franklin, cousin of the bride, and Miss Kristi Guthrie, niece of the bridegroom, were flower girls. They wore long pink silk gowns with pink cumberbuns. Miss Rhonda Mayberry, cousin of the bride, served as the rice girl. She wore a dress identical to the flower girls.

Mrs. Vicki Franklin, mother of the bride, wore a formal length pink gown. Her corsage was of silk pink and lavender carnations.

Mrs. Dorothy Martin, mother of the bridegroom, wore a lavender formal length gown with a cape look. Her corsage too, was of silk pink and lavender carnations.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hackett was mistress of ceremony. Miss Connie Ayers served as guest register attendant.

The ladies serving at the reception were Elizabeth Mullins, Cheryl Guill, Rowana Price, and Michelle Elliott.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by B. H. Franklin Logging.

After a honeymoon trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina the couple will make their home in Appomattox.

Smith, Davis to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Smith proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Lee, to Gregory Thomas Davis, the son of Perry G. and Carolyn C. Davis.

Gregory is a 1981 graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed at Buckingham Correctional Center.

Brenda is a 1983 graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by Wilbun's Supermarket and is also attending Central Virginia Community College, working toward a degree in Medical Record Technology.

No wedding date has been set.

Miss Brenda Lee Smith

Donna Hodges honored

Miss Donna Hodges, bride-elect, was honored when Mrs. Gloria Baxter, cousin of the bride-elect and Miss Pam Smith, friend of the bride-elect, entertained with a lingerie shower on Friday, July 8, 1983 at the home of Mrs. Betty Hodges, aunt of the bride-elect.

Guests included Mrs. Lawrence Hodges, mother of the bride-elect, Mrs. Ruby Hodges, grandmother of the bride-elect, other relatives and friends.

The wedding of Miss Hodges and John Barry Joy will be an event of Saturday, July 30, 1983 at seven o'clock in the evening at Evergreen Baptist Church.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. William Anthony Yates

Poole, Yates are wed

The wedding of Sandra Renee Poole and William Anthony Yates took place at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 23, 1983 at the Flat Creek Baptist Church.

The Rev. David E. Brooks officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Poole, Sr. of Concord. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oliver Yates of Lynchburg.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Matron of Honor was Mrs. Everett Poole, Jr., of Concord, sister in law of the bride.

Mr. Yates was his son's best man. Ushers were Timothy Yates, brother of the groom, and Jeff Reynolds, both of Lynchburg.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Rustburg High School, and both are employed by Kroger of Lynchburg.

The couple will make their home in Concord.

Kristine Starner to marry

Miss Kristine D. Starner

The wedding of Miss Kristine D. Starner and Mr. Michael M. Carmody will take place this Sunday, July 31, at 2 p.m. in New Hope Baptist Church.

The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Bob Williams.

Miss Starner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Starner of Route 3, Appomattox. Mr. Carmody is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carmody of Route 3, Appomattox.

A reception will follow the wedding. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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